

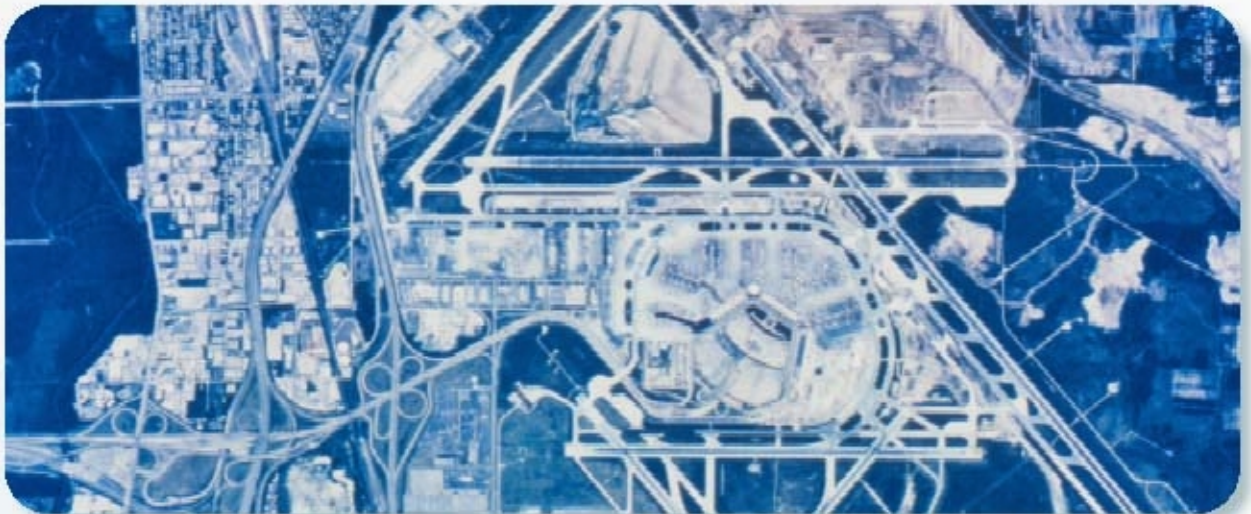
A well-maintained, safe and efficient transportation system is fundamental to economic development and growth. The Illinois Department of Transportation works to sustain a strong economy and meet the basic transportation needs of all of our citizens by maintaining our current transportation systems and planning for the needs of our state's future.

Creating Jobs

- 86,000 private sector jobs were created in Illinois by the Department's FY 2002 program.
- 55,000 jobs were created in highway construction
- 27,000 jobs in public transportation
- 3,800 jobs in aviation

Keeping Commerce on the Move

- Illinois' interstate system accounts for only 2% of all road miles, but carries 28% of all traffic and 50% of all goods shipped on state highways.
- The state highway system accounts for only 12% of the total road miles, yet carries two-thirds of all traffic.
- Chicago is the world's 3rd largest intermodal port.
- Illinois' airport system is the 2nd largest in the nation and includes the world's busiest airport, Chicago's O'Hare.
- Two of the nation's top rail freight gateways are located in Chicago and Metro East St. Louis.
- The Department works to reduce congestion and damage to the environment by supporting public transportation, which included more than a half-billion rides in FY 2002, and developing bike/hike trails throughout the state.



The Illinois Department of Transportation's Annual Report is taking on a new look and being published at a later date this year. The publication of the Fiscal Year 2002 Annual Report was delayed in part due to the loss of a number of key personnel who left the Department as a result of the Early Retirement Incentive passed by the General Assembly. It was also delayed so that it could better reflect the new philosophy of the incoming administration.

You will notice that this year's annual report is shorter and more concise. It focuses on what we've done, what we mean to the Illinois economy and, in particular, what needs to be done to maintain and improve our state's transportation systems for the future.

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is responsible for the planning, coordination and maintenance of highways, transit systems, airports, inter-city passenger and rail freight systems and traffic safety.

In a time when the economy is fragile, an investment in transportation benefits industry and consumers. Annually, Illinois' transportation systems provide the means for the distribution of billions of dollars in products and jobs for hundreds of thousands of workers. Investment in transportation must not only preserve our systems, but also make sure they operate efficiently, effectively and safely.

GOALS

IDOT has developed the following objectives for fulfilling its mission to provide safe, cost-effective transportation for Illinois that will sustain a strong economy:

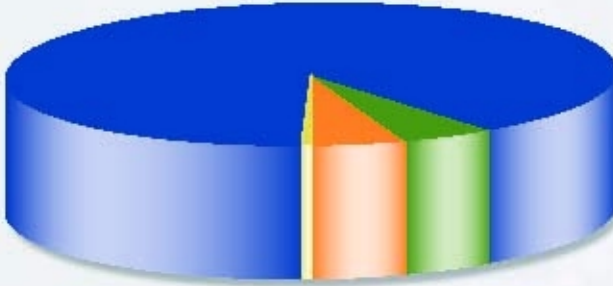
Highways	Provide cost effective, quality highways and services;
Airports	Improve Illinois' airport system and preserve the nation's top hub in north-eastern Illinois;
Transit	Ensure public transportation is available through a stable base of operating and capital funding to provide transit options for commuters, reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality;
Rail	Reduce rail freight congestion and continue to develop a high-speed rail system;
Planning	Integrate environmental and quality of life concerns in the transportation planning program;
Safety	Reduce highway vehicle fatalities and injuries; and
Technology	Apply innovative technological solutions that improve the efficiency and safety of the transportation system, reduce congestion and enhance highway construction materials and designs.

FY2002 Program Appropriations - \$4,200.6 Million



Illinois FIRST Program Supports More Transportation Projects

In its third year, the infrastructure funding program, Illinois FIRST, allowed IDOT to continue to turn proposed transportation improvements into reality:



- **\$2.3 billion** for improving 1,554 highway miles and 333 bridges
- **\$361.9 million** for 84 public transportation projects
- **\$19.8 million** for more than 100 airport projects
- **\$20 million** for high speed rail, including work to upgrade 120 miles of track and grade crossings and to develop the Positive Train Control system (remote train tracking system)

Reducing the Backlog

The infusion of capital brought by the Illinois FIRST program has allowed the state to reduce the backlog of roads needing repair to an historic low in FY 2002. The number of roads rated as being in poor condition or needing repair was 1,462, less than half the number in 1983, 3,050.

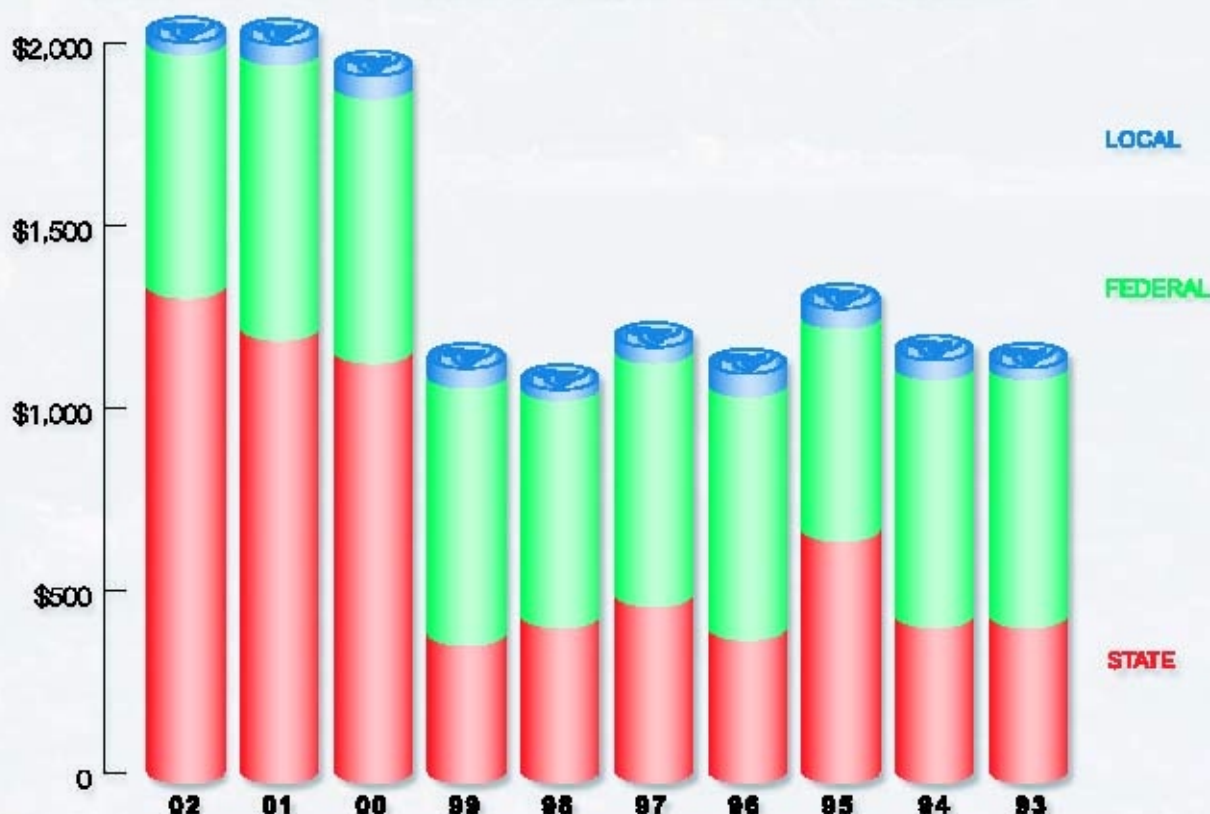
IDOT Backlog History



CHALLENGES

- *Illinois FIRST*, the state program which allows IDOT to continue investing in major transportation infrastructure needs, will end in Fiscal Year 2004.
- *The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)*, which provides federal funds for transportation, is also expiring. It is currently being considered for funding reauthorization over the next six years. Ensuring that Illinois receives its fair share of federal funding is a priority for IDOT.

**HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FUNDING SOURCES
OVER THE PAST 10 FISCAL YEARS, IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS**



The increase in highway construction funds provided by the Illinois FIRST program in FY 2000-2002 is reflected in the chart that traces the past 10 years in the highway program